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Dillsburg Borough Water safe to drink

by Mary Lou Bytof

Dillsburg residents were able to ring in the new year with a glass of clear, cold tap water.

Although some chose to imbibe stronger potables, a three-day advisory against drinking borough water straight from the tap was lifted on Sunday morning, December 31.

On Thursday afternoon, December 28, residents were notified via radio and television messages to boil water for 10 minutes before drinking it due to the presence of coliform bacteria. In accordance with Department of Environmental Resources (DER) regulations, Borough Manager J. Chadwick Wagner contacted WHIP (Channel 21) and WGAL (Channel 8) television and radio stations.

However, a number of residents did not know about the boil notice until after it was lifted.

Last week, the Banner staff received inquiries as to why the sign on the town square indicated that the water is safe to drink.

Alan Kauffman of Kauffman's Country Kitchen on Baltimore Street said he didn't know of the boil notice until Friday evening, December 29, when he was closing the restaurant. He said he was upset when a neighbor informed him of the notice.

"With me serving water to the public, I should have been one of the first to know," he said.

Kauffman said he did not serve water on Saturday.

Bakers Restaurant along 15 also stopped serving water from the tap on Saturday. Hostess Cindy Bennett said a customer had asked her Saturday morning if she knew about the water problem. Bennett said she called restaurant owner Dolores Heintzelman and asked if she had been notified to boil the water. Heintzelman said she received no notification, according to Bennett.

Both restaurants were notified by Wagner when the boil notice was lifted, Bennett and Kauffman said.

Wagner said he did not take more extensive measures of notification because the bacterial count was very low.

The water supply that tested positive for coliform bacteria was drawn in the borough on Wednesday, December 27. As usual, the weekly water sample was taken to the Johnson Laboratory in Harrisburg for testing. The lab notified Wagner of the test results on Thursday.

The total coliform count on the December 27 sample was 26, according to Sandy Roderick, a DER spokeswoman. Roderick confirmed that 26 is not a high count. However, the safe drinking water level, according to DER, is under one, Roderick added.

According to the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act of 1984, the public notification policy requires a boil notice to be released through the local media, Roderick said. But the municipality doesn't have to ensure that absolutely every person gets the message, she explained.

Boil notices are issued frequently throughout the state, Roderick added.

Coliform bacteria comes from either fecal matter or decaying flesh, Wagner said. It is possible that the sampling method could have produced the positive test, he said. If a particle of meat was on the spigot, the sample could have been tainted, he explained.

Richard Berman, chief of virology and field investigation of the Pennsylvania Department of Health said that the total coliform count of 26 probably was not enough to make a person ill. In most cases, the fecal coliform count is much less than the total coliform count, he added.

Treating the water with chlorine should eliminate the coliforms, Berman said.

"Dillsburg residents are living on a protected water system," Wagner said. If a resident would visit a rural neighbor whose well water may have a bacterial count



Matt Ayers easily handled his Cedar Cliff opponent during last week's match.

Photo by David March

Northern Wrestlers stopped twice Bradshaw named to Who's Who

by John Middlekauff

When the Patriot News made their forecast for the Division I wrestling season, the selection of Cedar Cliff as number one and Northern as number two set the stage for a very interesting meeting between the two.

Isn't it strange the way reality has a way of slapping you right in the face? Cedar Cliff, armed with its reputation, marched into Northern's packed gym and absolutely destroyed the Polar Bears 42 to 9. If it wasn't for the fact that a large number of people had showed up early for this one, it could be said that this match was as good as over before people got their seats warm.

Northern's lightweights had gotten off to an excellent start this season, and were responsible for setting the tempo in the early season victories. Against the Colts, the lightweights were manhandled. At 103, 112 and 119 lb. weight classes Northern had a right to feel moderately confident that here was a chance to get off on the right foot against top-ranked Cedar Cliff. The Colts won 4 to 0 at 103, 9 to 6 at 112, and 7 to 0 at 119 to toll the bell for Northern. Only Jerry Stemer's decision at 125 lb. and Matt Ayers' technical fall at 140 lb. kept the Colts from shutting out the hapless Bears.

Northern coaches had wondered about their young charges' intensity level, and overall attitude very early in the campaign. Now they were left with the task of picking up the pieces in time to head up to Big Spring for a Saturday (1/06) meeting with the always tough Bulldogs. When the smoke cleared in this one, Big Spring had pulled out a stunning 32 to 30 verdict.

There were several keys in this one. Jerry Stemer's loss (4 to 1) to Matt Mentzer at 125 lbs., who moved down one weight class for this one, and Tobie Wolf's pin of Matt Ayers at 140 lb. gave the Bulldogs an almost insurmountable lead. Northern did come back as Dave Habowski (160), Brian Baxter (171), and Jaimie Lehares (189) all pinned their Big Spring opponents to bring Northern back. But the Bulldogs Todd Hasco was able to hold off Northern's Wally Dewall (8 to 6) in the final match to secure the win for Big Spring.

A Dillsburg area student at Shippensburg University is included in the 1990 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Jennifer Bradshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bradshaw, 725 Yeager Rd., Dillsburg, is one of 58 SU students named national outstanding leaders. She is a senior majoring in social work.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory included these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The SU students join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Shippensburg University is a member of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education.

These back-to-back losses certainly can't help the confidence level of the young Bears. To add fuel to the fire, now Northern heads into the heart of their schedule. Right down the road, schedule-wise, the Bears will head to Susquehanna on Thursday (1/11) in another tough encounter in Division I. On Saturday (1/13) Northern will host neighboring Red Land in a non-divisional afternoon match. Clearly there isn't a great deal of time to pull it all together, but if those early wins weren't flukes, then the talent is certainly there to get the job done.



A 1984 Ford pickup, operated by David Georgeff, 18, of Mechanicsburg, attempted to turn left across the southbound lanes of Route 15 to travel north from the stop intersection of Route 74, when his pickup collided into a 1988 Pontiac Grand Am, operated by Harold Swope, 25, of Dillsburg. Georgeff stated he did not see the Pontiac, which was travelling south. The impact spun the Georgeff vehicle 180 degrees where the pickup rolled, coming to rest on its passenger side, blocking both northbound lanes of Route 15. The Pontiac spun 90 degrees and came to rest blocking left hand southbound lane of Route 15. Neither Georgeff or his passenger, Alan Hummel, 22, Shermansdale, received any injuries in the crash. Swope received a minor knee injury, but declined transport to a hospital. No one involved in the accident was wearing a seatbelt. Georgeff will be cited for failing to yield the right of way from a stop intersection.

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